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Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract to read:

-- A decoding arrangement (10, 100, 1000) for decoding pictures in an incoming video stream includes a noise generator (16, 16') for adding a dither signal containing random noise to the pictures after video decoding, to improve the subjective video quality. The noise generator adds noise to each pixel in an amount correlated to additive noise of pixels in a prior picture, either a previously displayed picture (i.e., a previously decoded picture to which noise has been added), or a previously decoded picture. --